

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 4 without prejudice and amend Claims 1-3 as shown in marked-up form as follows:

1. (Presently Amended) An integrated circuit provided with at least ~~two~~ one output ~~drivers~~ driver (4) without substrate contacts and further provided with at least a core region with a Vssc contact (7, 9) and a periphery region provided with at least one Vssq contact (8), characterized in that a resistance (11) with a value lying between 100 and 300 ohms is ~~present~~ provided between each Vssq contact (8) and the Vssc contact (7, 9).
2. (Presently Amended) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one~~ output ~~drivers~~ are ~~driver~~ is not slew-rate controlled, characterized in that the value of the resistance (11) is greater than 250 ohms.
3. (Presently Amended) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one~~ output ~~drivers~~ are ~~driver~~ is slew-rate controlled, characterized in that the value of the resistance (11) is at most 250 ohms.
4. (Withdrawn)